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1. Vietnamese refugees in Thailand are greatly disturbed by the Thai Government order forcing them to concentrate in Sakon Nakhon, Nongkhai, and Nakhon Phanom. As a result of this order, 3,000 Vietnamese will be forced to leave Udon alone; and another 1,000 will evacuate Khon Kaen. From 100 to 200 Vietnamese will be permitted to remain in Udon as aliens. Many of these refugees have begun selling their possessions in preparation for their move to the border provinces.**
2. Bao An, abbot of the Annamese Temple at Wat Po, Bangkok, which is used by the Viet Minh for an arms dump, believes that the evacuation of Udon is part of the recent US-Thai military agreement. Followers of Bao An think that the city will be developed into a military base for air operations.
3. The abbot further stated that General Luang Kach Songgram is quite active. He declined to expand on this statement.**

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